

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –
Governor's Forest Health Council**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**April 16, 2009
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Eagle Room
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086**

Meeting Objective: To meet the new State Forester, to receive an update on economic stimulus projects and priorities identified by the state, to update the council on the Four Forests Strategy to Accelerate Forest Restoration, to receive an update from the WUI Fire Code working group, to discuss the Statewide Strategy Scorecard, and to review the workplan, set priorities, and schedule presentations through August.

1) Call to order

**2) Forest Health and Climate Change presentations and discussion (9am-12:30pm)
See separate agenda on following page**

3) Lunch (12:30pm-1pm) ~ Food and drinks will be provided. \$5 reimbursement optional.

Forest Health Council business (1pm-3pm)

- 1) Approval of the Minutes from the March FHC meeting
- 2) State Forestry Division update – Vicky Christensen
- 3) Region 3 stimulus funding update – Tom Klabunde
- 4) Update/discussion regarding the Four Forests Restoration Initiative ~ Ethan Aumack, Molly Pitts
- 5) Presentation and discussion regarding the Forest Landscape Restoration Act ~ Ed Smith
- 6) Update regarding WUI Fire Code working group ~ Ron Williams
- 7) Update/discussion regarding Statewide Strategy Scorecard~ Wally Covington and/or Lucy Murfitt
- 8) FHC workplan review and update ~ Ethan Aumack and Molly Pitts
 - a. 2009 priorities
 - b. Presentations through August
- 9) Meeting schedule and locations
 - a. June 11, 2009, County Supervisors Association Building
- 10) Call to the Public

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

CO-CHAIRS

Ethan Aumack – Grand Canyon Trust
Molly Pitts, Northern Arizona Wood Products Association

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**FOREST HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE: HEATING ARIZONA
AGENDA**

9:00 - 9:45 – Climate change basics: what's known, what's happening and what is expected for Arizona – Melanie Lenart – Melanie is a research associate with the University of Arizona Institute for Environment and Society and is a specialist in climate change as it relates to forests. She is the lead author of the compilation "Global Warming in the Southwest", available at <http://www.climas.arizona.edu/pubs/pdfs/GWSouthwest.pdf>.

9:45 - 11:15 – Climate change impacts on Southwest resources: plants, animals, fire and landscapes – Don Falk and Ed Smith – Don is Associate Professor in the University of Arizona School of Natural Resources, with joint appointments in the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research and the Institute for Environment and Society; his research focuses on fire history, dendroecology, and restoration ecology in western North America. Ed is the Forest Program Lead for The Nature Conservancy in Arizona, and has expertise in vegetation modeling, and forest and fire ecology of Southwest ecosystems with a focus on incorporating climate change adaptation into land management.

11:15 -12:15 – Implications for forest management: capturing carbon and restoring forests -- Tom Kolb and Matt Hurteau -- Tom is Professor of Forest Ecophysiology at Northern Arizona University where his research focuses on understanding how forest management activities, disturbances and stresses influence the health and physiology of forests. Matt is a forest ecologist and post doctoral research associate with the National Institute for Climatic Change Research, Western Region, at Northern Arizona University, with a focus on climate change and disturbance on forest ecosystems.

12:15 -12:30 – Roundtable reactions: what's your take home message on forest health?
– An opportunity for immediate reactions to what this information means for our work on the Forest Health Council to restore and manage Arizona's forests through the statewide strategy.